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TO Mike Joyce

I bought my home in December 1969 + Spring of 1970. We smelled a strong odor in our basement + was told by City officials said it was Swamp gas that Hartford had. So I opened basement windows + vented out. in Spring of 1978 I had two Explosions in my Basement. About two weeks apart. Burning out walls in wash room + also blew up sewer lines in basement floor. So Basement company shut off my Natural gas for about 2 months. I with four children in school. Could not cook or have hot water for Baths + Rprimers offered NO Help. Since 1978 every Spring or Heavy Rain we have Petroleum smell in Basement + in basins. So we have to open Basement windows + vent out smell. In 1978 the Oil Company promised to remove from 1-5 Million Gallons of gasoline from water table but that did not happen. In 1990-1991 there were fires on different streets so the Oil Company come up with the idea of a Recovery System, helps but did not solve the problem. I don't think they will ever solve the problem unless they pump out all the gas from the water table + remove the contaminated soil from our property. We have lived at this home 35 years + have concerns about our health. My wife + I are short breath + have head aches + dry mouth + throat + at our ages 67 + 68 the older you get the harder it is on our system. We believe this matter should be taken care of now. Not 10-20-30 years down the road. The Oil Company have had 35 or 40 years to correct this + have not so we can make them do the right thing this time.

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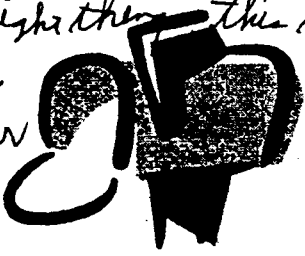
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Thank you
Mike for your
help

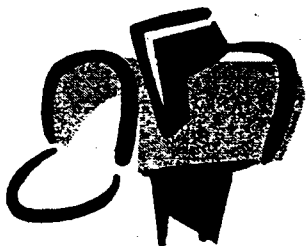


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The Petroleum Contamination Problem is a threat to the health and well-being of all the residents that live North of Hawthorne St. When the petroleum products reach the aquifer that provides water to Hartford's wells, the viability of the whole town will be at risk. At most, the vapor removal systems that have been implemented, have proven inconclusive. Our taxes continue to rise, even with the contamination problem. There is only one sure way, to protect the people from the harmful effects of the dioxin and other potentially hazardous material. The people that want to leave Hartford, should be offered a buy-out plan. My wife and I have lived at 105 West Maple St Hartford for thirty-two years. We are ready to leave the stressful and unhealthy situation behind. This would not only be fair, it would be the right thing to do!



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Address West Maple St

City Hartford State IL

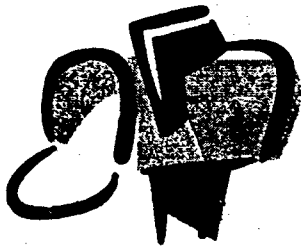
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We have been a Resident of Hartford, and have been for many years. We live above the gasoline spill of 4 million to 6 million gallons of gasoline. we have had different discussions about this, and nothing has been done. I have read many times about clean ups, and we never get anything like that here. Just recently in Golden, Colo they spent \$7 billion to clean up plutonium. In Weldon Springs, Mo. \$600 million in Sureka, Mo. It cost millions of dollars at Times Beach, Mo. for road cover that was contaminated. Also millions for the Valdez oil spill. Millions were spent to protect the wild life. And yet Clark Oil (Shell oil) and Standard Oil have never attempted to do any thing. Shell oil recently paid Santa Monica, Calif. 90 million to the City and would spend 100 million to clean up the leak. I blame all three of these for our problems here. I also blame the state of Illinois, EPA - FEPA - the Country, and even Hartford to some extent because nobody did any thing to help us. Somebody has to be responsible don't they?



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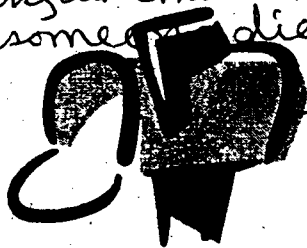
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1. Vent Pipes Installed: Free to homeowner or at cost of supply's
2. Vent Pipes: Do not solve the problem of gas fumes will there be a town buyout. Or assume they've done their part and are no longer responsible for homeowners property.
3. Maintenance of vent pipes year to year
4. Chain reaction of fumes igniting as with refinery tanks (no smoking in certain areas because fume will cause explosion.
5. Time Frame on whether Vent Pipes take care of the problem.
6. Gas creeping underground further as rain, floods, snow saturate ground. Will entire town be affected in time
7. Health risks Cancer from fumes, asthma, bronchitis, etc.
8. Soil: Is it safe to plant gardens several people raise veg's/fruit
9. Water Contamination: Will it get into our system or homes by mistake. threw air bubbles, broken water lines
10. Property Value goes down
11. Jobs: I work in Hartford for two different companies cleaning which will be out of business. One for sure the other probably.
12. Cost of relocating in a buyout must beat today's prices to buy a home
13. Digging in soil: plants, tilling, fencepost, home repairs.
14. Pilot lights: Water heater furnace may ignite fumes
15. Temporary fix: I can't see how the gas can be taken out of the soil, or water table completely to not remain a danger to the people of Hartford.
16. Feeling like no one cares about our town
till someone dies in an explosion



hopefully
that won't
happen.

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Home Owner

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W. 5th

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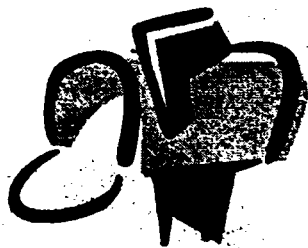
We own Herb + Denny Auto Service AT 300 N. Delmar Ave, Hartford Ill. The only problem we have had is when we make coffee with water from the shop - it has a petroleum taste. Now we buy our coffee from businesses that have a filter system for pure water. OR we bring in our own water from Wood River or Bethalto Ill.

Clark Oil Company used to have a Recovery Tank next to our shop. They used to empty the tank several times a week in the spring due to water levels rising. The tank + sump pump are not used any more. We were not informed as to why - we figured Clark made some other changes to prevent contamination of ground + water systems.

We hope someday this contamination will be eliminated.

Thank you.

Herb + Denny Auto Service,



Name Herb L. Bader + Denny Heindrich

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